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Diwan Bahadur M. Krishnan Nayar :—" Yes, because I understand the survey authorities are about to collect the charges. That is my information. If the Collector's views are available to the memorialists, it will be of considerable assistance to them."

The hon. Sir Arthur Knapp :—" Yes, I am prepared to tell the Collector to authorize the suspension of the collection of this survey charge."

Diwan Bahadur M. Krishnan Nayar :—" Will the hon. Member be pleased to publish the report of the Collector so that the people may know what the Collector's views are ? "

The hon. Sir Arthur Knapp :—" Yes, I am prepared to do that."

Resettlement proposals in the Bellary district.

233 Q.—Mr. S. Satyamurti : Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state whether the Government have accepted, or propose to accept, the resolution of the Legislative Council regarding the postponement of the resettlement proposals in the Bellary district ?

A.—The question is engaging the attention of Government.

Mr. P. Siva Rao :—" Have the Government issued any orders for the non-collection of the increased rates pending the revised rules of the Government in the matter ? "

The hon. Sir Arthur Knapp :—" Sir, to the best of my information, the increase is not being collected."

Mr. P. Siva Rao :—" Is there any proposal not to levy the increased rates during the current fasli in view of the distress prevailing in that district ? "

The hon. Sir Arthur Knapp :—" Such a proposal has been made."

Mr. P. Siva Rao :—" Has any decision been arrived at on that proposal ? "

The hon. Sir Arthur Knapp :—" No."

Mr. P. Siva Rao :—" May I know when the decision of the Government is likely to be announced regarding that proposal ? "

The hon. Sir Arthur Knapp :—" I am unable to answer that question at present."

Civil Justice.

Rates to be levied from creditors for sending debtors to civil jails.

234 Q.—Mr. P. Peddiraju : Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased

(i) to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have moved the High Court to frame rules raising the rates levied from the creditors of debtors in civil jail s ;

(*b*) if so, whether the High Court has sent any reply ; and

(ii) if the answer to (*b*) is in the affirmative, to place the papers on the table ?

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A.—The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the amendments to sub-rules (4) and (5) of rule 39 of Order No. XXI of the First Schedule of the Code of Civil Procedure, 1908, issued by the High Court with the previous sanction of the Governor in Council and notified on page 1766 of Part II of the *Fort St. George Gazette*, dated the 25th September 1923.

Additional District Court, East Tanjore.

235 *Q.*—Mr. C. MARUTHAVANAM PILLAI : Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) what is the exact amount of annual charges incurred by the Government in connexion with the maintenance of an additional District Court for East Tanjore at Negapatam ;

(*b*) whether the pressure of litigation in Tanjore district necessitates the existence of this court ; and

(*c*) whether the Government mean to give effect to the recommendation of the Retrenchment Committee with regard to the immediate abolition of the said court ?

A.—(*a*) The Government are not in possession of the exact amount of annual charges. The expenditure based on the average cost is Rs. 48,568 per year.

(*b*) Yes ; the court has been sanctioned for a year from 1st January 1924.

(*c*) No.

Appointment of Nadars in the Judicial service.

236 *Q.*—Mr. P. K. S. A. ARUMUGA NADAR : Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state whether Nadars have been appointed as District Munsifs, Sub-Judges and District Judges ?

A.—There are no Nadar Sub-Judges or District Munsifs at present. Information as to whether there were any Nadar Sub-Judges or Munsifs in the past is not readily available.

Mr. A. CHIDAMBARA NADAR :—" May I ask, Sir, whether the Government will consider the question of appointing one Nadar at least in the Judicial service ? "

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The hon. Mr. C. P. RAMASWAMI AYYAR :—" Mr. President, I should rejoice to see if a Nadar could be appointed in the Judicial service, but District Munsifs are recruited by the High Court. If there is any Nadar gentleman qualified for the post of either a Sub-Judge or a District Judge, I shall only be too glad to recommend to His Excellency for the necessary appointment."

Mr. A. CHIDAMBARA NADAR :—" Has there been any petition with regard to any District Judge's post ? "

The hon. Mr. C. P. RAMASWAMI AYYAR :—" I think on an average the Government have received five petitions from various communities that District Judges may be appointed from each particular community."